

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A seamed, conformable belt comprising:
a substrate having first and second opposing substantially planar surfaces, a first end, and a second end, wherein the first end and the second end of the substrate form a first seam; and
an elastomeric layer having a first end and a second end, wherein the elastomeric layer is adjacent to, and in contact with, the first surface of the substrate,
wherein the first end ~~and the second end of the elastomeric layer is engaged~~
with the second end of the elastomeric layer to form a second, detachable, substantially planar, interlocking puzzle cut seam, the first and second ends of the elastomeric layer interlocking with one another such that the first and second ends are mechanically and detachably locked together, and
wherein the interlocking puzzle cut seam between the first and second ends of the elastomeric layer provides a mechanically removable connection between the first and second ends of the elastomeric layer without any additional processing of the interlocking puzzle cut seam.

2. (Previously Presented) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 1 wherein the first seam is an interlocking puzzle cut seam, wherein the first and second ends of the substrate interlock with one another such that the first and second ends are mechanically and detachably locked together.

3. (Original) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 2 wherein the interlocking seams include a kerf.

4. (Original) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 2 wherein the interlocking seams comprise nodes of from about 0.6 mm to about 3 mm in diameter.

5. (Original) The seamed, conformable belt according to claim 2 wherein the interlocking seams comprise from about 10 to about 20 nodes per inch along the seams.

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